



Senate Finance Committee  
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

December 1, 2009

Subject: S. 2014 and S. 2047 - To suspend temporarily the duty on horizontal machining centers

To Whom It May Concern,

We wish to express our opposition to the subject bills.

The tariff suspension will primarily benefit Asian and other offshore producers of these machines. We produce these types of machines in the United States at our plants in Hebron, KY, Port Huron, MI and Fond du Lac, WI.

As I'm sure you are aware, the Midwest region of the country has been hard hit by the recession and we should support domestic manufacturing.

In this case, it is especially important to support domestic manufacturing because 5-axis horizontal machining centers represent a very high technical level of machine tool capability, and they are primarily used in the production of critical Aerospace and Defense components. It is not in the country's best interests to provide any advantage to imported machine tools for these types of applications.

Passage of this bill would cause harm to U. S. manufacturing jobs in the Midwest along with ongoing damage to the manufacturing infrastructure which supports key Aerospace and Defense manufacturing plants in the U. S.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Logan'.

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